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arm when the actuator arm is positioned adjacent to the outer periphery of the disk, to provide radial shrouding of the disk.

REMARKS

Summary of Telephone Interview

The applicant engaged in a telephone interview with the examiner on 1/17/03. The above claim amendments were discussed to with respect to the current rejections under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,229,304 to Guzik. The examiner agreed that the above claim amendments would overcome the rejection under 35 USC §102 based on Guzik. The examiner indicated he would perform a new search, and if no other prior art is discovered rendering the claims unpatentable, the application would be allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

The examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,229,304 to Guzik. Applicant respectfully submits that Guzik does not disclose a “disk drive”, as that term would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art, but rather a spinstand which is used to test various components of a disk drive such as a disk of a hard disk drive, see e.g., col. 1, lines 18-33 of Guzik. However, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, applicant has amended claim 1 and respectfully requests the examiner to withdraw the rejection.

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CONCLUSION

The above amendments to the claims do not add new matter or raise new issues; the applicant respectfully requests the amendments be entered. In view of the above claim amendments, the rejections under 35 USC §102 should be withdrawn. The examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned over the telephone in order to resolve any remaining issues that may prevent the immediate allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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